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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of the Rev. Joseph Marquis Wilcox, who passed away on October 18, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Wilcox was born in Mansfield, Ohio on September 23, 1923 to J. Dale and Edith (nee House) Wilcox; he graduated from Mansfield Senior High School in 1941 and from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky in December of 1945, with a major in philosophy; he married Emily Rees Marsh on May 4, 1946, and he received his Bachelor of Divinity from the Oberlin College Graduate School of Theology in Oberlin, Ohio in 1949; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from seminary, Rev. Wilcox served as youth pastor at Walnut Hills Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio; he moved to First Christian Church in Bellaire, Ohio in 1952, to Parma Christian Church in Parma, Ohio in 1955, and then to First Christian Church in Waukegan, where he served as pastor for 12 years; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Wilcox was an active member of the Chicago Area Disciple's regional fellowship; in 1975, he received his Chaplain's Certificate and became the chaplain at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, where he served for 12 and a half

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1 years; following that, he served as chaplain at the Winchester  
2 House in Libertyville for 9 years; he then returned to Gurnee  
3 and served as minister at Gurnee Community Church for 3 years,  
4 where the congregation named him pastor-emeritus; and

5 WHEREAS, Rev. Wilcox was preceded in death by his parents  
6 and his brother, John David Wilcox; and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Wilcox is survived by his wife, Emily Rees;  
8 their 3 children, Emily Wilcox Denesha (Mike), Amy Wilcox-Owens  
9 (Rick), and Joseph Dale Wilcox (Jean); his 7 grandchildren; his  
10 3 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Eleanor Wilcox Lime;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 the Rev. Joseph Marquis Wilcox, and extend our sincere  
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Rev. Wilcox as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.